

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BONN 16866 231516Z

47

ACTION EUR-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 ACDA-10 PM-03 CIAE-00 INR-10

NSAE-00 RSC-01 L-02 NEA-06 PRS-01 SAJ-01 TRSE-00

SPC-01 NSC-10 NSCE-00 OMB-01 IO-03 DRC-01 /075 W

----- 065668

R 231810Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8856

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

USMISSION GENEVA

USNMR SHAPE

USDEL SALT TWO GENEVA

S E C R E T BONN 16866

LIMDIS

SHAPE FOR INTAF: VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL: GENEVA FOR CSCE
DEL

E.O. 11652:XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM, MCAP, PFOR, FR, GW, NATO

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN SALT CONSULTATIONS: THE ROLE OF FRANCE

1. WE ARE STRUCK BY QUAI OFFICIAL GERGORIN'S RECENT
COMMENT TO PM DIRECTOR WEISS (PARIS 29263 PARA 5), THAT
THE NINE SHOULD SEEK TO REACH A UNIFIED POLICY ON SALT-
RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS FBS WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BONN 16866 231516Z

RELEVANCE TO EUROPE. IF GERGORIN'S COMMENT IN FACT

REFLECTS FRENCH POLICY, IT WILL BE VERY WELCOME NEWS TO THE FRG AND TO FRANCE'S WEU PARTNERS, ALL OF WHOM EXCEPT THE FRENCH HAVE FOR SOMETIME BEEN CONSULTING ON THESE TOPICS IN THE PETRIGNANI GROUP ON THE MARGINS OF THE AMERICAN SALT BRIEFINGS AT NATO. WE ARE INFORMED THAT, ABOUT A YEAR AGO, FRENCH NATO PERM REP DE ROSE REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE SESSIONS BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BY PARIS.

2. COMMENT. THE FRENCH ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGED STRATEGIC SITUATION, AS SET FORTH IN REVISED GOF DRAFT ATLANTIC DECLARATION (U.S.NATO 5444 AND 5435) LENDS SOME CREDENCE TO GERGORIN'S OBSERVATION ON EUROPEAN CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING SALT. IT IS SOMEWHAT IRONICAL THAT SUCH PUTATIVE REFLECTIONS IN PARIS PARALLEL A RECENT DECLINE IN PETRIGNANI GROUP ACTIVITIES, PARTLY DUE TO REASSIGNMENTS OF BOTH PETRIGNANI AND FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL MENNE, TWO OF THE CHIEF PROPONENTS OF THE EUROPEAN SALT CONSULTATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE SIX CURRENT PETRIGNANI GROUP MEMBERS--UK, FRG, ITALY AND THE BENELUX COUNTRIES--WOULD WELCOME THE RENEWED IMPULSE TO THE GROUP THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED SHOULD FRANCE DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE. SUCH A FRENCH DECISION ON THE GROUP ALSO WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE REPORTED IN BONN 16821 THAT PARIS IS SEEKING TO FIND FORMS FOR EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION WHICH CORRESPONDS MOST EFFECTIVELY TO FRENCH NATIONAL INTERESTS.

HILLENBRAND

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISARMAMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN16866
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731117/aaaaamma.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2001 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EUROPEAN SALT CONSULTATIONS: THE ROLE OF FRANCE
TAGS: PARM, MCAP, PFOR, FR, GE, NATO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005